

[Docket No. CP95-52-000, et al.]

**Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc., et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings**

March 6, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

**1. Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.**

[Docket No. CP95-52-000]

Take notice that on November 3, 1994, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed in Docket No. CP95-52-000, an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and an order authorizing the abandonment of facilities and services, all as more fully set forth in the application and a subsequent supplemental filing which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Granite State seeks authorization to:

(1) Construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) tank in the Town of Wells (York County) Maine, with a capacity to store the equivalent of 2 Bcf of natural gas, together with vaporization equipment, metering equipment and delivery lines to deliver vaporized LNG into Granite State's adjacent 8-inch main pipeline;

(2) Provide an LNG storage and vaporization service for its distributor customer, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities) under a proposed Rate Schedule LNG-1 in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1;

(3) Abandon, upon expiration of the lease on March 31, 1997, the operation of an 18-inch pipeline which Granite State leases from Portland Pipe Line Corporation (Portland Pipe Line) and converted to natural gas service in 1987 under a certificate issued in Docket No. CP87-39-000<sup>1</sup>;

(4) Abandon transportation services provided for Bay State Gas Company (Bay State) and Northern Utilities over the leased pipeline;

(5) Abandon such facilities as Granite State constructed to interconnect the leased pipeline with its pipeline in the vicinity of Portland, Maine;

(6) Abandon Granite State's firm transportation services for Bay State under Rate Schedules FT-NN and FT-1 upon termination of the lease;

(7) Institute a new Rate Schedule FTX for transportation and exchange services rendered to Bay State upon termination of the lease; and

(8) Increase the firm transportation service for Northern Utilities under Rate Schedule FT-NN from 28,768 Dth a day to 78,770 Dth a day coincident with the inauguration of the proposed Rate Schedule LNG-1 service.

According to Granite State, since November 1987, it has received supplies of Canadian gas at the U.S.-Canadian border into a former crude oil pipeline which Granite State leased from its owner, Portland Pipe Line, and converted to natural gas service, pursuant to the certificate issued August 4, 1987 in Docket No. CP87-39-000. The leased 18-inch pipeline extends 166 miles from the border near North Troy, Vermont, to a connection with Granite State's pipeline in the vicinity of Portland, Maine. Granite State says that it receives up to 31,036 MMBtu a day at the border into the leased pipeline, which is immediately resold to Bay State and Northern Utilities, and transported for their accounts over the leased pipeline and pipeline facilities owned by Granite State.

Granite State also states that the proposed 2 Bcf LNG facility will provide the necessary gas supply to maintain gas deliveries to Northern Utilities after the expiration of the extended Portland Pipe Line lease on March 31, 1997. The LNG tank will be filled with LNG purchased and stored for the account of Northern Utilities. Northern Utilities intends to purchase its LNG supply from Distrigas of Massachusetts Corporation (DOMAC) and take delivery at DOMAC's marine terminal in Everett, Massachusetts, in cryogenic tank trucks for over-the-road transportation to the site of the facility in the Town of Wells. Granite State says that it will construct the facility, which is estimated to cost \$44,221,000, and store and vaporize the LNG for Northern Utilities pursuant to a new incremental Rate Schedule LNG-1 in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, which is submitted with its application. Granite State proposes to finance the construction phase of the LNG facility with short-term loans, and permanent financing will consist of long-term loans and equity contributed by its parent, Bay State.

The projected date for the receipt and storage of LNG for the account of Northern Utilities is September 1997. Granite State further says that, coincidental with the in-service date, it will increase the firm transportation service for Northern Utilities under Rate Schedule FT-NN from 28,768 Dth per day to 78,770 Dth per day, reflecting the transportation of the vaporized gas in its pipeline.

Because the configuration of its operations will change significantly after the expiration of the Portland Pipe Line lease on March 31, 1997, and Bay State's actual use of Granite State's pipeline system will be reduced, Granite State says that it will abandon its existing Rate Schedule FT-NN and Rate Schedule FT-1 services for Bay State and substitute a new Rate Schedule FTX which will reflect the on-going use of its system by Bay State.

Granite State's application contains an estimated initial Deliverability Charge, a Capacity Charge and a Vaporization Charge for its firm Rate Schedule LNG-1 service, and an estimated rate for interruptible storage and vaporization service based on the cost of service for operating and maintaining the LNG facility. Granite State says that Northern Utilities will own all the LNG in the tank (except for the heel), and Granite State's entire initial capability to store and deliver vaporized LNG as proposed in the application would be required by Northern Utilities as a replacement supply of gas after March 31, 1997, barring another extension of the Portland Pipe Line lease. Granite State also says that it will not offer Rate Schedule LNG-1 service to other customers on a firm basis. Granite State further says that it operates as a restructured pipeline under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations and intends to offer interruptible storage, vaporization and transportation utilizing the LNG facility. According to Granite State, ninety days before the in-service date of the LNG facility, it will file initial rates with the Commission for its incremental Rate Schedule LNG-1 service.

*Comment date:* March 27, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

**2. Trunkline Gas Company**

[Docket No. CP95-224-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 1995, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP95-224-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate bi-directional facilities in Acadia Parish, Louisiana to be used for receipt and delivery of natural gas under Trunkline's blanket certificate authorizations issued in Docket Nos. CP83-84-000 and CP86-586-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the

<sup>1</sup> 40 FERC ¶ 61,165.

Commission and open to public inspection.

Trunkline proposes to construct and operate a 16-inch tee-tap and 16-inch pipe valve on its Line 300-1-26" located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana. Trunkline states that it would also install 50 feet of 16-inch pipeline extending from the tee-tap to its right-of-way. Trunkline mentions it would use these facilities to inject and withdraw up to 300 MMCF of gas per day at the LA1 Storage Field owned by Egan Gas Storage Company, Inc (Egan). Trunkline asserts that the \$195,000 cost of its proposed facilities would be reimbursed by Egan. Trunkline also states that Egan would install and own 1,100 feet of 16-inch pipeline and a new metering and regulating station to enable Trunkline to use the LA1 Storage Field.

*Comment date:* April 20, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

### 3. Mojave Pipeline Company and Kern River Gas Transmission Company

[Docket No. CP95-229-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1995, Mojave Pipeline Company (Mojave), P.O. Box 10269, Bakersfield, California 93389, and Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158, filed in Docket No. CP95-229-000 a joint request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization for Kern River to abandon by transfer to Mojave and for Mojave to own and operate a 4/11 interest in certain tap, metering and appurtenant facilities for the delivery of gas to Bear Mountain Limited at a point located in the City of Bakersfield, California, under Kern River's and Mojave's blanket certificates issued in Docket Nos. CP89-2048 and CP89-002, respectively, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The applicants state that the portion of Kern River and Mojave's facilities that runs from Daggett, California to the terminal points in Kern County is jointly-owned by Kern River and Mojave as tenants-in-common (Common Facilities). The applicants also state that on October 28, 1994, Kern River made a prior notice filing in Docket No. CP95-44-000 pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations to construct, own and operate the Bear Mountain Delivery Point. It is further stated that no person

filed a protest within the time specified by the Commission's Regulations, thus Kern River has obtained the necessary authorization through the operation of Sections 157.205 and 157.212.

The applicants state that the instant filing is necessary to implement a subsequent agreement between Mojave and Kern River to transfer a 4/11 ownership interest in the Bear Mountain Delivery Point facilities to Mojave. It is stated that this transfer will provide for the same percentage ownership in the Bear Mountain Delivery Point facilities that currently exists for the Common Facilities, including all existing delivery points located on and included within the Common Facilities. The applicants state that the transfer will conform ownership interests in the Bear Mountain Delivery Point to all other Common Facility delivery points and will thereby facilitate uniform cost allocations and accounting treatment of the Common Facilities pursuant to the Construction, Operation and Maintenance Agreement (COM Agreement) among Mojave, Kern River and Mojave Pipeline Operating Company (MPOC). In order to effectuate this transfer, Kern River requests that it be authorized to abandon by transfer to Mojave, and Mojave requests that it be authorized to acquire from Kern River and to own and operate, a 4/11 interest in the Bear Mountain Delivery Point facilities. It is stated that following transfer of the 4/11 interest in the facilities, both Kern River and Mojave shippers will be permitted to deliver gas to Bear Mountain, in accordance with the provisions of the COM Agreement regarding delivery points located on the Common Facilities.

It is stated that following completion of construction, the Bear Mountain Delivery Point will consist of a 6-inch tap, a meter station with two 4-inch meter tubes and appurtenant facilities, and an 150-foot section of 6-inch lateral pipeline located immediately downstream of the meter station.

It is stated that the deliver point will have a nominal design capacity of 12,500 Mcf per day. It is further stated that the delivery point will be operated and maintained on behalf of Mojave and Kern River by MPOC as operator of the Common Facilities pursuant to the COM Agreement.

*Comment date:* April 20, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

### 4. Colorado Interstate Gas Company

[Docket No. CP95-230-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1995, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs,

Colorado 80944, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP95-230-000 pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon a sales meter station in Las Animas County, Colorado, under CIG's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-21-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request which is open to the public for inspection.

CIG proposes to abandon its Trinidad Power Plant Sales Meter Station<sup>2</sup> by sale to the City of Trinidad. CIG states that it would sell the meter station to the City of Trinidad at the net book value of \$1,314. CIG would continue to deliver natural gas to the City of Trinidad via the meter station following the sale of the facilities.

*Comment date:* April 20, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 5. Ozark Gas Transmission System

[Docket No. CP95-231-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1995, Ozark Gas Transmission System (Ozark), 1700 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75201 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval to abandon service rendered to Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) under Ozark's Rate Schedule T-1, certificated in Docket No. CP78-532.<sup>3</sup> In addition, in its application, Ozark requests permission and approval to charge Columbia a negotiated Exit Fee in consideration for Ozark's agreement to the early termination and abandonment of Ozark's Rate Schedule T-1 service for Columbia,<sup>4</sup> and to the extent authority is necessary, to refund excess deferred income taxes that Ozark owes or will owe to Columbia and to receive from Columbia payment of previously unpaid demand charges owed to Ozark. The proposed abandonment of service would be effective upon the date both the Bankruptcy Court<sup>5</sup> and the Commission have issued final orders approving a Stipulation negotiated between Columbia and Ozark dated December 9, 1994 in form and substance satisfactory to Ozark and Columbia. The Stipulation is pending before the Commission in

<sup>2</sup> See order at 22 FPC 828 (1959).

<sup>3</sup> See, 16 FERC ¶ 61,099 (1981).

<sup>4</sup> Ozark states the contract expires February 28, 1997.

<sup>5</sup> Ozark states that all obligations of Columbia are subject to Chapter 11 procedures in Case Nos. 91-803 and 91-804 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Docket No. RP95-98-000.<sup>6</sup> The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

*Comment date:* March 27, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

#### 6. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co.

[Docket No. CP95-234-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1995, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP95-234-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate delivery point facilities in Essex County, Massachusetts under Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-413-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee proposes to install, own, operate, and maintain data acquisition and control equipment, one six-inch hot tap assembly, approximately 2,100 feet of 8 inch pipe, and measurement facilities in order to deliver gas to Colonial Gas Company.

*Comment date:* April 20, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before the comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate and/or permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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#### Mississippi River Transmission Corp.; Notice of Proposed Flowthrough of Account No. 858 Refund

March 7, 1995.

Take notice that on March 3, 1995, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) submitted worksheets reflecting the proposed flowthrough of an Account No. 858 refund received by MRT from Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company.

MRT states that subject to the receipt of Commission approval it proposes to refund by check on April 7, 1995, each customer's respective portion of the refund including interest through April 6, 1995.

MRT states that a copy of this filing is being mailed to each of MRT's former jurisdictional sales customers and the

state commissions of Arkansas, Illinois and Missouri.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 14, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RP95-186-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America; Notice of Report on Storage Utilization

March 7, 1995.

Take notice that on March 1, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing its report on storage utilization during the first year of Natural's operation under Order Nos. 636, *et seq.*

Natural states that the report is responsive to four specific requirements set out in Natural's restructuring orders in Docket No. RS92-45.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to each of Natural's customers, and the parties in Docket No. RS92-45-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 10426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 28, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are

<sup>6</sup>Filed December 20, 1994.